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RE: STB Docket No. AB-415 (Sub-No. 2X)
*Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company - Abandonment Petition for
Exemption - Line in Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, MI,*

EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

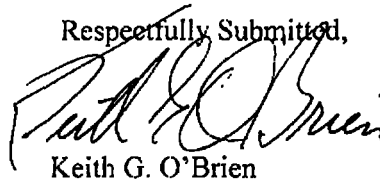
Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 15, 2011, Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company ("ELS") respectfully requested a 180-day extension of the deadline for consummating the abandonment authorized in this proceeding pursuant to the Board's decision served on September 27, 2010, permitting ELS to terminate service over, and to eliminate its 43 mile rail line between Ontonagon and Sidnaw in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify that the previously requested 180-day extension is to allow ELS to continue to engage in ongoing negotiations concerning options as to the future of the line, but not to engage in trail use negotiations. The period for trail use negotiations terminated on June 26, 2011. Under the circumstances, ELS has requested that the Board extend the consummation deadline for 180 days from its current expiration date as permitted under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29(e)(2).

If there are any questions concerning this request please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith G. O'Brien

cc: All parties of record